# DOCTORS DISAGREE.

THEY ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE AND ALTOGETHER UNHAPPY.

SHE SUES FOR SEPARATION.

DOES NOT WANT DIVORCE BUT ASKS DIVISION OF PROPERTY.

Mrs. Dr. Minnie B. Henson Says Dr. C. H. Henson, Her Husband, Has Treated Her in an Inhuman Manner-Interesting Divorce Suit.

Mrs. Dr. Minnie B. Henson, Karsas City, Kas, began an action in the district court yesterday against O. H. Henson for a separation and a division of property. The plaintiff does not wish a divorce, but she is desirous of living apart from the defendant and that he be restrained from molesting her or interfering with her practice as a physician. A temporary restraining order was granted by Judge Aftlen.

This litigation promises to be very interesting. Both are practicing physicians. They were married July 3, 1894, at Little Rock, Ark. They ran a drug store there and practiced medicine together as partners until September, 1895, when they decided to sever their business relations as well as their marriage obligations. A written agreement was entered into between man and wife whereby they divided their property and made arrangements for the collection of outstanding bills. They were both to collect any and all bills due the firm of Henson & Henson and each week they met and made an equal division of the collections. After this agreement had been in force for a short time Mrs. Henson alleges that the defendant made a proposition to forgive and forget and sell their Little Rock property and move to Kansas City, Kas., and begin life anew. The reconciliation was perfected and they came to this city and located on Minnesota avenue and at once began the practice of medicine.

In Mrs. Henson's petition filed yesterday she charges the defendant with many cruel things. It is claimed that after he persuaded Mrs. Henson to return to him and accompany him to this city his conduct was very bad. She alleges that he has nearly starved her to death; that he allows her a certain amount of bread and meat for each meal and that at divers times has allowed her only one meal per day. When her rations were thus reduced she claims that he would lock the cupboard so that she could not eat anything between meals. The plaintiff further claims that the defendant has refused to provide her with street car fare and that when it became necessary to her to travel about the city she had to walk, regardless of the weather. Mrs. Henson had two children by a former marriage and when she married Henson it is claimed that he understood that her two children were to be given a home with them. Since they arrived in this city, however, it is alleged that Henson compelled the plaintiff to send the two children to their grandmother in Ohio. The plaintiff claims that her bealth has been greatly impaired by the defendant's inhuman treatment. She prays for a decree of separation and that she be given all the surgical instruments now owned by she and Henson, jointly.

While the Hensons have not been in this city very long yet Mrs. Henson has a good reputation as a woman physician. She has a general practice, but her husband is a specialist. and made arrangements for the collection of outstanding bills. They were both to

# BRIGHT BOY RUNS AWAY.

Failed to Pass Creditable Examination at School and Mysteriously

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Disheartened and completely discouraged because he falled to pass the last examination at the high school. Fred Emith. of Kansas City. Kas., a bright boy 15 years old, has run away from his home, and his father and school-mates are wrought up to a high state of anxiety about his welfare and whereabouts. He intimated to some of his companions that if he falled to pass the examination he would disappear and go where he is not known. It is thought that he is in Port Arthur.

Young Smith is the son of John D. Smith, a well known contractor, living at the corner of Seventh street and Parallel avenue. He was employed as a carried for an evening paper and was considered the wit of his class by schoolmates as well as by his fellow newsboys. He entered the high school two years ago and passed the first examination with honors. While he was wrapped up in his studies and worked hard for advancement, he seemed to doubt his ability to pass the examination. When his suspicions developed into facts he informed his classmates that he would never again step; his foot inside the school house. His friends did not think at that time he intended running away from home, but took his remarks to mean that he intended to quit school. He disposed of his paper route a few days ago, and after getting his trivial business affairs straightened out made preparations for his departure, unbeknown to his father. Wednesday he did not return home.

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The boy's father is greatly alarmed. Arthur Smith, Fred's older brother, was killed about a year ago, while returning home from a trip to Colorado. He met his death in a wreck.

### GAMBLING RUINS TWO HOMES. Mrs. W. A. Woods and Mrs. Charles Battles Ask Divorce on This Ground.

As evidence of the failure of the Kansas City, Kas., police department to enforce the laws, and the broken homes and unhappiness arising from such failure, two petitions for divorces were filed in the district court yesterday by wives whose principal grounds terday by wives whose principal grounds for asking separation from their husbands were that they squandered their earnings over gambling tables and permitted their families to go without the necessities of

over gambling tables and permitted their families to go without the necessities of life.

One suit was filed by Mrs. Amanda Woods, who wants to be free from William A. Woods. They were married on September 4, 184, but the defendant's mania for gambling soon brought their home to ruin. Mrs. Woods alleges that her husband lost practically all of his earnings and failed to provide for his household. Within six months after their marriage it became necessary for the plaintiff to return to her parents to keep from starving.

Rosanna Battles, who was married to Charles Battles on December 19, 1894, has made up her mind that it is useless for her to longer depend upon Charley for a livelihood for herself and their two children. She claims that Battles is a gambler, and, while he earns a fair salary, he squanders the bulk of his earnings gambling. This evil has changed their home from one of happiness and content to a home of despair and want. She asks the court for a decree and the custody of their two little children, having confidence in her ability to support them and give them an education.

## DEATH OF WHITCRAFT.

Coroner McLeod Asked to Hold an Inquest by Persons Who Believe He Was Murdered.

Coroner McLeod was requested to hold an inquest in Kansas City, Kas., over the body of J. A. Whiteraft, the old soldier who died here a few days ago from blood poisoning, by Emporia investigators who claim that Whiteraft was murdered. The body was buried at Emporia and the investigators have exhumed it and held an examination. They failed to find anything that would substantiate the suspicion that Whiteraft had been murdered, and now they want this county to hold an inquest.

Coroner Todd held a conference with County Attorney Miller yesterday afternoon and it was decided not to put the county to any expense unless the investigation at Emporia develops some evicence of a crime. The Emporia people have the body and have examined it and Coroner McLeod and County Attorney Miller are of the opinion that if they need any witnesses from this city they should subpoena them and finish the investigation there.

### Curious Hat Rack.

A doctor in the West end of London has in his study an extraordinary piece of furniture. He was presented with it by an Austrian medical student years ago while studying in Vienna, where he became an intimate friend of the young Austrian, who died shortly after the doctor returned to this country, and left him the strange and startling article of furniture by will. It is a skeleton of a very large man, standing erect, with the right hand grasping a long spear. This is of

oak, with a number of projecting pegs, formed of the bones of the upper arm, run through the wood, and it is used as a hat rack. In the center of the skull is set a clock, and the ribs form a cage, in which the owner keeps his pet cockatoo, a splendid white bird with a light yellow plume. It is rather close quarters for the cockatoo, but it is allowed a great deal of liberty, and when not caged in the skeleton generally sits on the top of the skull.

### THE NEWS AT LEAVENWORTH. Motion Day in the District Court-

Foreclosure Suits Filed-Other Matters of Interest.

When the district court opened yesterday morning the attorneys for Eugene Lewis, convicted of a criminal assault upon his stepdaughter, made a motion for a new trial. This was denied by Judge Myers, who, however, granted the defendant leave to file a motion for a new trial. This had the effect of postponing sentence day, in which four other prisoners feel a deep interest.

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The motion for a new trial in the divorce suit of Basene against Basene was withdrawn, and in the case of Henry against Henry, the motion to set aside the decree of divorce and to reduce allimony was everruled. In the case of Bennett against Bennett the court ordered the decree of divorce be amended by striking out that portion regarding the disposition of the child. Sophio Smith was granted a divorce from Charles Smith on the ground of abandonment, and the case of Maggie Glass against John Glass was set for hearing January 29. In the suit brought by J. C. Douglass against the city of Leavenworth and the Leavenworth Union Depot Company, the plaintiff's motion to set aside the order of the court, made December 6, was sustained. This suit, involves the title to the ground upon which the Union depot is built. Douglass claiming it by virtue of tax titles.

H. C. Short was appointed receiver in the suit brought by Mary K. Weaver against S. W. Pierce, the receiver's bond being fixed at \$400. The old suit of Margaret B. Stapler against F. E. Ringer et al was revived in the name of John P. Stapler.

Two foreclosure sults were filed in the Cistrict court yesterday against Charles M. Salinger, whose recent failure in the boot and shoe business has caused so much litigation. The first was brought by Phillip Levison to recover \$1,520, principal annd interest on a promissory note made in 1894. The property involved is lots 4 and 5, in block 5, Rees. Doniphan & Thornton's addition, and the undivided half interest in lots 31, 32 and 33, Stallings' addition.

The second suit was brought by M. M. Machal to recover \$1,187 upon a note dated September 21, 1894. The mortgage given under this note is on lot 7, block 27, city proper.

### County School Diplomas.

Yesterday County Superintendent How-ard received a letter from the state super-intendent of public instruction, with reference to examinations for county school diplomas. March 19 and April 2 have been designated as the days upon which the examinations are to be held. The quesexaminations are to be held. The ques-tions are to be prepared by a committee of county superintendents, and shall con-sist of fifteen questions upon nine dif-ferent subjects. These examinations were conducted in this county for the first time last season and twenty-four diplomas were awarded.

dies' meeting at the Congregational church at 2:30 p. m.

At the morning service at the Presbyterian church, Bruno Hobbs, a Kansas City attorney, will deliver an address on "Phases of Y. M. C. A. Work." In the evening Rev. Mr. Veazie will have charge of the meeting.

Rev. Mr. J. W. Kimmel of the English Lutheran church, will conduct the afternoon services at the Old Ladies' Rest.

## Brief Mention.

Real estate transfers filed for record yesterday amounted to \$8,475. This includes the McDonald property at Fourth and Choctaw streets, which has been purchased by a Chicago brewing company.

United States Prison Inspector R. V. La-Dow has been inspecting the federal prison and yesterday paid a visit to the penitentiary at Lansing. ary at Lansing.

John A. Franks was receiving congratula tions yesterday over the arrival of his firs

son.
W. J. Balley was in the city for a short time, leaving at noon yesterday. He claimed that his visit at this time had no political significance, although he was closeted with Mike Sufton and some of the local

viewers in the Hund road filed their The viewers in the Hund road filed their report with the county clerk yesterday. Judge Hawn granted a marriage license yesterday to James B. Mason, aged 27, and Rhoda L. Way, aged 27.

A transcript of judgment against Schroeder & Haskins, in favor of Rosenwald & Well, for \$279.75, was filed with the clerk of the district court vesterday.

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Snow began falling Friday night and continued all of yesterday. Much of it melted as it fell.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Diergardt were pleasantly surprised Friday night, the occasion being the fifth anniversary of their marriage, as well as being the birthday anniversary of each. Thusnalda lodge No. 1, Sons of Herman, turned out about fifty strong and took possession of the house and made things interesting.

Joseph Guio received a check from the treasury department at Washington yesterday to replace a \$50 bill which he had partly destroyed by fire.

George W. Findlay was in the city yesterday, taking a look at the congressional situation in the First district.

Miners from Brush creek are in the city soliciting ald for the strikers at that point. The electric railroad was compelled to get out its snow plow early in the day, and kept it at work all the afternoon. The road experienced but little delay to travel.

M. G. Farrell received yesterday from Blue Mound. Kas., the spangled Brahma rooster which took first prize at Kansas City, and Independence, Mo., and Wichita, Kas. It weighs twelve pounds.

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## A Queer New England Betrothal.

From Youth's Companion.

Hiswthorne found romance on the shores of old New England, and there is a good deal of it unminded in the modern life of the Yankees. The following story of love and marriage, strange as it may seem, is known to the writer to be true:

Years ago a summer boarder at a cottage on a point of land which formed the protecting arm of the harbor of a shing town in Massachusetts was shown a girl baby only a few months old. The looked at the babe and admired! then said to the mother:

mother:
"Will you give me that babe for my wife?"

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The mother had known the young man for several summers; she liked him, and therefore answered promptly. "Yes."

"Will you promise never to tell her that you have selected me as her husband?"

"Yes."

The conditions of the singular betrothal were observed. The girl baby grew up, and summer after summer the young man courted her. When she was 18 he married her, and not till then did she know that she had been betrothed o her husband while in her cradle. Can old romance be more romantic than this story of a New England town?

Fire was discovered at 1:15 o'clock this morning in the sub-basement of R. Randazzo's fruit commission house, 425 Walnut street. The room is kept heated for the purpose of ripening bananas, and the fire is supposed to have started from the stove. It was extinguished with about \$150 damage to the contents and \$25 to the building.

## DIED IN A LONELY CABIN.

CYRUS PLUMMER, WHO FIGURED IN A GREAT SEA TRAGEDY.

Wanderer for Many Years and Once in the Shadow of the Gallows, He Passes Away Unmourned in Central Arisons.

From the San Francisco Call. In a lonely cabin on an ancient placer digging, near the once famous Vulture mine, in Central Arizona, not more than a month ago, there died a very old man, named Cyrus W. Plummer. Had he lived until Christmas day he would have rounded out the fortieth anniversary of the most terrible crimes known to the whaling industry in the Pacific ocean, crimes in which one named Cyrus W. Plummer was the chief instigator and executioner; the mutiny of the crew of the ship Junior and the cruel butchery of its commanding

officers.

Were Cyrus W. Plummer, who died a few weeks ago in a hermit's cabin at the gold diggings, and Cyrus W. Plummer, who on Christmas morning, 1857, in the South Pacific, buried his seaman's hatchet in the skull of Captain Archibald Mellen—were these one and the same man? Both Bore the Same Name. It would be a thankless task to speculate largely upon the identity of these two men, who bore the same name but

late largely upon the identity of these two men, who bore the same name but the lonely, unmourned death of the wandering prospector would have at least given a fitting end to the career of the most accursed and most noted marine criminal of the century. To be condemned to live with the consciousness of that awful guilt upon him was no doubt a more terrible fate for the ringleader of the Junior mutiny than the speedy death on the gallows he so richly deserved.

Many a man and woman in New Bedford, in their horror at the crimes of Cyrus W. Plummer, and in the heat of their, righteous indignation when the skill of such famous lawyers as Ben Butler and Richard H. Dana saved him from the extreme penalty of the law, declared that justice was at an end in New England. But if the laws of men fall at times, apparently, they but fulfill the decrees of the great law, wherein justice is truly a blind goddess and the scales unerring. The fate that sent Cyrus W. Plummer a living wanderer weighed better than man the enormity of his crimes.

These crimes were nurtured in discontent and hatred for lawful authority from almost the day the ship Junior sailed out of New Bedford harbor, July 21, 1857, and were executed with an extraordinary ferocity and malice on Christmas morning, when in latitude 33.38 south, longitude 16.57 east. The Junior was commanded by Captaln Archibald Mellen, of Edgartown, Conn., with Nelson Provost and Henry Lord, of New Bedford, as mate and second mate respectively, and John Smith, of Boston, third mate. The owners were David R. Greene. Robert B. Greene, Dennis Wood, and Willard Nye. She was provisioned for a two-year cruise after the sperm whale in the Northern Pacific.

### Captain a Hard Taskmaster.

The captain proved a hard taskmaster, and Mate Provost was said-at the trial Tried to Kill a Comrade.

Henry Schorborn, an old member of the Schdlers' home, swore out a state warrant yesterday for the arrest of Martin Ford, charging him with assault with intent to kill. The two men met in the home of Ford's wife Friday night, when Ford made an attack on his comrade, using a hatchet and a razor. After knocking Schorborn down he proceeded to pound him with a large iron bar. Mrs. Ford gave the alarm, and officers arrived in time to prevent a murder. Schorborn was badly cut up about the head, and was cared for by the city physician. Ford's preliminary examination will take place before Justice Bond next Tuesday, and in default of \$1.00 ball he occupies a cell in the county jail.

Sunday at the Churches.

Services at the Congregational church will be conducted this moraing by the pastor. Rev. Mr. C. H. Fenn, the topic being "The Modern Jesus." In the evening Rev. Mr. W. C. Veazle, the Y. M. C. A. evangelist. will conduct the services.

The morning service at the Cathedral will begin at 10:20. The musical selections are "Asperges Me." plain chant, and Const. Sier's "Mass in F." For the offertory Mr. J. N. Joerger will sing "O Salutaris Hostia," by J. Wiegand. Vespers and benediction, with the full junior choir, at 3:30 p. m.

Services will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 8:30 a. m., conducted by State Secretary Baird: 2:30 p. m. a men's meeting, conducted by Rev. Mr. Veazle and Bruno Hobbs.

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Buried a Hatchet in His Skull.

He was answered by Plummer with an oath and the information that "It's me." Plummer then seized the helpless man by the hair of the head, pulled him out into the cabin and buried his hatchet so deeply in the captain's skull that it could not be extracted.

In the meantime the third mate had deeply in the captain's skull that it could not be extracted.

In the meantime the third mate had been attacked by Cornelius Burns, of Little Falls, N. Y. Smith was killed with a whaling spade, which was run clear through his body several times. It was planned that no quarter should be given the officers, and the ferocity with which their lives were sacrificed stamped the mutineers as inhuman monsters.

While Burns found a fiendish joy in the death agonies of Third Mate Smith, Richard Cartha, of Albany, N. Y., struck at Second Mate Lord, who was in his berth. The whaling spade missed its mark and dented the berth boards. Cartha aimed a second blow, but Lord caught the weapon and wrested it from him. Then Cartha drew his pistol and emptied all its barrels into the brains of the second mate, leaving him dead in his berth.

What a carnival of blood for a Christmas morning! But the tale is not yet told.

John G. Hall, a New Bedford man, made

John G. Hall, a New Bedford man, made the attack on Mate Provost. Hall thrust his gun muzzle into the mate's room and fired both barrels. Then he fled from the dark room, fearing to be alone an instant with what he supposed was a corpse. But Hall was a bad shot, and Mate Provost escaped with a wound in the right shoulder. The clothing of his bed was set on fire by the discharge of his gun, and this communicated to the woodwork.

Crawled Away in His Nightelothes. Plummer and another of his men looked into his room, and Provost begged of them to extinguish the flames and not let him burn to death. They brutally closed the door and went out, leaving the mate to the flames. Provost now made a great effort and crawled out of the cabin in his nightclothes and hid himself. After awhile Plummer ordered the fire put out; then the mate was missed, and a search instituted for him. He could not be found, however, and the mutineers began the work of cleaning decks. Captain Mellen's body was weighted with a heavy chain, and Plummer himself cast it into the sea, yelling loud enough for all hands to hear, "Go down to hell and tell the devil I sent you!" into his room, and Provost begged of them

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In the capacity of leader Plummer tried to navigate the ship, but falled, as neither he nor his lleutenants knew anything about navigation. Another search disclosed Mate Provost in an exhausted condition in the hold. His life was spared and he directed the sailing of the ship to the nearest land, which was sighted January 4, 1858. When within twenty miles of the Australian shore the men who had made the attack left the ship in two boats.

At once Mate Provost was liberated by the remainder of the crew, who had stood neutral or secretly loyal from the first, and the Junior was taken to Sydney, New South Wales. Here the tragedy was reported to the United States consul, and immediately the English authorities took action. The Australian patrol was mustered out in full force, and in less than two months had run to earth all the mutineers except Burns and Hall, who have never since been heard from.

Ceils of Australian Ironwood.

Cells of Australian Ironwood. Eight strong cells, made of Australian ironwood, were built in the steerage of the Junior, four on each side, for the re-ception of Plummer and his men as soon

ception of Plummer and his men as soon as they were turned over to the United States gvernment. The cells were made of heavy joists, cut in the form of an equilateral triangle, with the apex pointing inward. The joists were then heavily studded with large-headed nails, driven clear in, to prevent cutting away the timbers. Captain Alfred Gardner, of Nantucket, who was then in Australia, was engaged to bring the vessel home. As there were now but six free sailors on board, English sailors were shipped for the return voyage. A guard of six men was placed over the mutineers, and watch was kept day and night. Of course Plummer made an but it failed, and only resulted in closer vigilance. He tried to bribe one of the guards.

News of the awful crime had long ago attempt to escape and recapture the ship, reached New Bedford, and when the Junior dropped anchor inside of Palmers island, near the Fairhaven shore, on the

evening of August 20, 1858, and the next day made a berth at Fish Island, she was the center of attraction for hundreds of curious ones. Her prisoners were tried in the United States circuit court at Boston, Judges Sprague and Clifford presiding. It was the most celebrated trial of the per-iod.

Ben Butler Defended Him. It was said that Plummer was related in some way to the late Charles Sumner, and that money and influence would be exerted in his behalf sufficiently to save

and that money and influence would be exerted in his behalf sufficiently to save him and his three companions from the gallows. The latter part of this prophecy proved true enough. Although but a poor seaman Plummer came to trial with a brilliant array of legal talent to defend him. His counsel were Benjamin F. Butler, Richard H. Dana, Sydney Webster, and J. L. Adams. The services of Rufus Choate were expected, but for some reason were not secured.

The testimony adduced at the trial was substantially a corroboration of the narrative already given, there having been eye-witnesses to every detail of the great crime. Plummer was found guilty of murder and three of his ileutenants guilty of manslaughter. In March of the succeeding year he was sentenced to death, but a few months after the death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, and he went listo the Charlestown state prison July 8, 1859.

That Plummer had friends in high places there could be no doubt, for on July 25, 1814. Acting Governor Talbot signed a pardon for him and his prison doors were opened. Nothing authentic has ever been heard of the man since, but there are nany of the older generation who knew Cyrus W. Plummer, wanderer, prospector, hermit, that believe that the old man who recently died in the lonely cabin at the all-but-deserted placer diggings was no other than the Cyrus W. Plummer who so narrowly escaped the gallows for the perpetration of one of the most cruel murders ever committed in the Southern seas.

### INDEPENDENCE. Candidates for City Offices Are Beginning Their Campaigns for

Nominations. But little interest has been shown so far by either Republicans or Democrats in the coming city election. While the rank and file seem indifferent, prospective candidates are numerous and there is every indication that there is many indication are numerous and there is every indication that there is more trouble than is shown on the surface. Straw votes indicate that S. H. Woodson, Democrat, is quite a favorite among many of that faith, for mayor, while W. H. Moore is being prominently mentioned for that position. No avoved candidates have appeared among the Republicans. Candidates for city collector among the Democrats are numerous and lively interest is being shown. It is one of the best paying offices in the city and much sought after.

### Church Services.

Revival services will begin to-night at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald will have charge of the services, and will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Worley.

Rev. Mr. Miller, of Kansas City, will preach this morning and evening at the Westminster Presbyterian church.

At the First Presbyterian church the regular service will take place at the morning hour. In the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. will conduct the service.

Rev. Mr. James Vernon will preach morning and evening at the Christian church.

the guest of Independence friends yesterday.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to John W. Caldwell and Miss Gertrude Ramsey, Warder V. Overly and Miss Minnle M. Reed.

William McCoy, who has been indisposed, was reported better yesterday.

Miss Sadle Alkire, of Atchison, Kas., is the guest of Mrs. Gallagher.

William Etchen and wife left yesterday for Paola, Kas., after a visit of two weeks with Walter Rider and family and other relatives of this city.

H. B. Clements, who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is convalescent and will soon be out again.

The burning-out of a flue at Ragland Bros. livery stable Saturday morning called out the fire department. No damage was done.

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Residents of Blue Mills have become excited over a report that a panther is loose in the woods in that locality. Several hunting parties have been formed.

The funeral of Silas Nichol took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, near Union street.

Mrs. Sallie Leach, mother of City Attorney Leach, is visiting relatives in Kansos City.

Mrs. Eliza Cox is reported to be seriously ill at her home on the Lexington road, east of the city.

Claude Silvers died yesterday at Leavenworth, Kas. He was well known here. The interment will take place at Leavenworth.

The fire wagon now undergoing repairs worth.

The fire wagon now undergoing repairs at Kansas City will be finished Monday and brought to Independence. The depart-ment has been using an old transfer wag-

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A meeting of the Populist executive committee was held last night at the court
house. Preparations for the city campaign were considered.

Mrs. Caldwell Yeaman, of Denver, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston
Roberts, of West Maple avenue.

Mrs. C. G. Ritchie, of Nevada, Mo., has
returned to her home, after a short visit
with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Leach, of
South Osage street.

Sam Shepherd, formerly of this city, a
well known negro politician, died in Kansas City, Friday. Interment will take place
this afternoon at the Independence city
cemetery.

## FOR YOUR NERVES.

some Advice, From One Who Has Studied the Subject, on Health and Beauty.

A woman who has made a study of the nervous ailments of her sex gives the fol-lowing terse bit of advice to young women who seek instruction upon the preservation of health and beauty:

Take a wholesome delight in physical ex-

ercise and outdoor sports. The pale, deli-cate girl is no longer "interesting." Have freedom and comfort in dress at Decide upon a definite aim in life, and hoose one that is worthy of an immortal

soul.

Be superior to envy, jealousy and uncharitableness.
Control your temper for the sake of your good looks as well as for your health. It is not enough, either, merely to keep from giving anger its outward expression. A smoldering fire is far more dangerous to health than that which comes to the surface and is quickly extinguished. A disposition which continually "bolls" within often finds physical expression in bolls and ulcers. Wrath has a natural tendency to curdle the blood, and the continually curdled condition is bound to show itself on the surface sooner or later. It is an old story that anger interferes with the digestion, a fact which is nevertheless frequently disregarded as more than one irascible dyspeptic can testify.

Live above worry, care, fear and all other corroding and inharmonious thought.

Finally, cultivate a sweetly screne frame of mind under all circumstances. Do not allow yourself to be a creature of moods, in depths of gloom and depression one day and on the heights of bilarity and mirth the next. Be superior to envy, fealousy and un-

## Marital Cruelty.

From the Washington Post.

A New York woman who wants a divorce declares her husband's cruelty consists in forcing her to live in a boarding house. Thus does the prune question come up in a new form.

## GOLD MINING IN THE SOUTH

NEARLY A CENTURY AGO MANY BIG NUGGETS WERE FOUND.

Valuable Deposits Discovered in North Carolina-It Has No More Attractions for the Prospector, However.

In these days when the frozen fields of the Yukon are attracting men from every walk in life, there are probably but few who are aware that gold was mined in the South nearly a hundred years ago. The date of the earliest recorded discovery was 1799 and the place Cabarrus county, N. C., and from that time down to the present day the mining operations have been carried forward in that region. The original strike is more or less a matter of tradition, but the story runs that a farmer while at work in a creek bottom found while at work in a creek bottom round a nugget weighing several pounds. Ignorant of its nature and value he took it home where it lay about the house until a shrewd peddler secured the "piece of brass" for a few yards of cloth and some cheap trinkets. The subsequent sale of this nugget aroused intense interest and inaugurated the search for gold, and North Carolina was soon the scene of considerable mining activity. Many slaveholders from the neighboring states brought in their negroes and but them to work on the creeks negroes and put them to work on the creeks and branches, and many valuable deposits

negroes and put them to work on the creeks and branches, and many valuable deposits were uncovered.

The first American gold coined in our mints came from North Carolina in 1894, and up to 1827 it was practically the only gold-producing state in the Union. Nuggets of great size and lineness were found in the early days; the Klondike itself cannot rival North Carolina in this respect. The famous Reed mine in Cabarrus county holds the record to this day for number and size of its nuggets. The Reed was a placer mine located in and among the bed of a creek, and within a short time it yielded a dozen nuggets of extraordinary size. In 1819 one weighing twenty-eight pounds, avoirdupols, was mined on this property, and considering its small area, it is doubtful if the Reed's output has ever been equaled in this country. The Collins mine in Rutherford county was also very rich and was worked successfully for several years, and Sunny creek, in the same neighborhood, furnished a number of rich deposits. About 1840 a man named McGee bought a hundred odd acres of bottom lands lying along this creek, the purchase price being 8000. Within two years his negroes bought a hundred odd acres of bottom lands lying along this creek, the purchase price being \$8,000. Within two years his negroes took out over 200,000 pennyweights of gold that assayed on the average 90 cents per per pennyweight, or \$18 per ounce.

Burke county, adjoining Rutherford, also contributed large amounts of the yellow metal. Jacob Yelton, 87 years of age, is still living in Rutherford and has a very distinct recollection of the mining operations of sixty-five years ago; on some old claims he has seen a teacupful of gold taken out of one rocker as the result of a single day's run, while sixty pennyweights per day to the man was an ordinary ocper day to the man was an ordinary oc-

currence.

The quartz mines of this region have rarely been paying properties; the veins are usually very small and have a tendency to "pinch" out before any reasonable depth had been reached. All the mines here men-Rev. Mr. James Vernon will preach morning and evening at the Christian church.

Mrs. Ferguson at Skaguay.

Mrs. A. B. Ferguson, who left Independence about ten days ago for the Klondike region, where she will join her husband, will arrive at Skaguay to-day, according to a letter recently received by relatives in this city. At Sattle Mrs. Ferguson joined a party which will go over the Skaguay to-day, according to a party which will go over the Skaguay trail. So far no mishap has been reported to any member of the party. Mrs. Ferguson say in the best of health and spirits. Sile will reach her husband some time in February.

Snow Interferes With Trade.

The snowlow of the electric line was kept running yesterday to keep the track clear on the heavy grades within the city limits. There was no delay whatever to suburbanites on roote to the city. The snowly esterday however paralyzed the usual Saturday's business of merchants and the coal yards and wood yards did a rushing business.

Death of J. G. Torrence.

J. G. Torrence, a prominent member of the Latter Day Saints' church of this city, died yesterday afternoon of pneumonia. He was about 75 years of age, and had been a resident of this city for many years.

Independence News Notes.

I. N. White left yesterday for Atchison, Kas., to be absent several weeks.

Miss Georgia Wait will leave to-morrow for Liberty, Mo., where she will be the guest of Miss Costello.

Judge C. G. Nichols, of Kansas City, was the guest of Independence friends yesterday.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday for John W. Caldwell and Miss Gertride fever, each and every man gets a pick and shovel and starts out to find a mine. If one succeeds in panning out 30 cents' worth of "dust" a day he has made a strike, and the result of three days' labor will fill his jug with corn whisky and his soul with giadness.

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As the stranger climbs the mountain roads in the western parts of the state, ho sees on every side the piles of gravel, the old pits and sluices and the many evidences of the busy days of former times. In fancy, he sees the quiet valleys peopled once more with crowds of men eager for sudden wealth and he hears the click of steel and the hum of many voices. As he resumes his journey, the utter desolation of his surroundings strikes him with renewed force by reason of its contrast to the vision which his fancy has conjured up.

# ROME'S PINCIO LOVE MATCHES.

A Way in Which Youths in the Eternal City Pick Out Their Brides.

It is probable that the Pincio sees the inception of half the marriages in Rome. It is a curious sociological fact, but the explanation of it is simple. It has been commented upon by numberless writers, that Italians are exclusive, though not in the usually accepted sense of the word. They are proverbially open and friendly, especially to strangers, the commercial value of whose visits to their land they appreciate. But this cordiality, even to their own countrymen, has its limit. In no country more than in Italy is a man's home his castle, and, except in the highest circles and where there is no poverty to be concealed, he is chary of his hospitality. This is especially true of Rome and Naples. Therefore, if neither she nor her parents receive many visitors, how is the Roman girl of the bourgeois class who is not "in society" to meet the inevitable lover for whose advent and her consequent emancipation from parental tyranny she longs more ardently than young women usually do? The answer is: "The Pincio."

On Thursdays and Sundays, when the band plays (uncommonly well, by the way), and the park is in consequence crowded to overflowing, the signorina who is the fortunate possessor of a becoming costume dons it, and demurely accompanies her mother to the municipal pleasure ground, where each expends 10 centimes for the temporary right to a comfortable chair, ingeniously constructed so as to be springy, though fashioned entirely of fron. If she be a wise maiden, she will so maneuver that the chairs will be placed on the main pathway, she will not be left in anticipation. The young men who pass will gaze at her approvingly; and finally one, to whom she may especially appeal, will take up his stand before her. Thus is initiated the first chapter of the romance. From that moment, without a word or sign, and even with scarcely a look from her, he becomes her swain and faithful knight. Week after week he sees her at the Pincio; he even follows her about the streets. Having ascertained her abode and her name, he generally soon manages to find a mutual friend who performs the introduction. The rest i It is a curious sociological fact, but the explanation of it is simple. It has been com-

# LANGUAGES NUMBER 860.

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The least learned are aware that there are many languages in the world, but the actual number is probably beyond the

the actual number is probably beyond the dreams of ordinary people, says Tit-Bits. The geographer Baldi enumerated 860, which are entitled to be considered as distinct languages, and 5,000 which may be regarded as dialects.

Adulguns, another modern writer on this subject, reckons up 3,064 languages and dialects existing and which have existed. Even after we had allowed either of these as the number of languages we must acknowledge the existence of almost infinite minor diversities, for almost every province has a tongue more or less peculiar, and this we may well believe to be the case throughout the world at large. It is said that there are little islands lying close together in the South Seas the

inhabitants of which do not understand each other.

Of the 860 distinct languages enumerated by Baldi, 89 belong to Europe, 114 to Africa, 123 to Asia, 417 to America, 117 to Oceania—by which term he distinguishes the vast number of Islands stretching between Hindoostan and South America.

# CURIOSITIES AT LONDON'S ZOO

Something About the Habits and Food of Sloth Bears, Which Come From India.

From the London Mail.

Notable among recent additions to the 200 are two young sloth bears, from India. Readers of of Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book" will be interested to learn that B g Baloo, the good-natured, peronged to this

Readers of of Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book' will be interested to learn that Bg Baloo, the good-natured, belonged to this species. Men of science, however, are more concerned at finding that it has two teeth less than bears ought to have, nature having condemned it to get through life as best it can with only forty instead of forty-two. So they have separated it from the other bears, and put it into a little private group all by itself. It is also remarkable for the extreme shagginess of its coat, which seems a little out of place in a native of India. The animal would be more comfortable, one would think, in Siberia or Greenland, or the regions adjoining the Klondike. Perhaps this is why it hardly ever wanders abroad by daylight.

But there are those who tell us that the soles of its feet are extremely sensitive, and get so terribly blistered by contact with heated rock that it seldom dares to venture upon a daylight expedition, except in seasons of monsoon. So it lies snugly coiled up until nightfall in some rocky recess and croons to itself a quaint lullaby—half pur and half whine—while it slumbers.

By way of food there is nothing which it so much enjoys as a good square meal on white ants. It obtains those by breaking open their nests, blowing away the dust and rubbish which they contain by mighty puffs from its capacious lungs, and then sucking out the grubs from the cells by equally forcible inhalations. When white ants are not to be had it is not very particular what it eats. It will devour with equal relish the wandering beetle or the centents of a bees' nest or the scarlet blossoms of the mowha tree or the fruit of the fig or the jupbe plum. And it is mostly accompanied by a couple of little ones, who ride together on its back when they ere small, and take it in turns to trot alongside when they grow bigger. Sad it is to learn that both mother and young are addicted to strong drink. For they lose no opportunity of emptyling the vessels which are hung by the nativies upon palm trees to collect their

## NOT A PASSENGER LOST.

Through the Perils of the Deep in 1897 No Lives Lost on the

great Lakes.

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

Not a passenger was lost through the perils of the deep in 1897 on the Great lakes. One jumped overborn and was drowned of his own choosing; otherwise in not one of all the thousands is named missing now that the season's tale is told. The lie is a maryel. Henceforth the treachery of the Great lakes, theme of song and story, shall be wherewithal to frighten children who never heard of the Lady Eligin and the Alpena and the Chicora. One would not now suppose that Superior was as deep and cold and scant of harbor as seen and Ontario as shallow and turbulent and easily vexed. And all this in the face of the fact that the people are just beginning to appreciate these fresh water seas and go down in ships as never before.

And of Lake Michigan, the "Stormy Water" of the Indian, is the tale especially marvelous. For the Chicago lines alone to carried half a million passengers. The Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Transportation Company—Chicago to Duluth—carried half a million passengers. The Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Transportation Company—Chicago to Duluth—carried half a million passengers. The Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Transportation Company—Chicago to Duluth—carried over 80,000. The whaleback, Christopher Columbus, had 125,000 passengers. The Graham & Morton Company—had almost as many. The Goodrich Transportation Company carried 200,000.

Would that the tale held good of the sailorman. But, notwithstandling the providence that is supposed to watch over him, sixty-eight sleep in Davy Jones' locker. This is about the vearly appears. Great Lakes.

idence that is supposed to watch over him, sixty-eight sleep in Davy Jones' locker. This is about the yearly average of the loss of life among the sailors. The one disaster of the season, the loss of the Idaho on Lake Erle, drowned nineteen. Of the other forty-nine three committed suicide and twenty illustrated the irony of fate by escaping drowning to fall through hatchways.

## MUSIC IN A TOMB.

Mrs. Ireland Plays Daily in the Vault Where Her Husband's Body Rests.

Mrs. Ireland, widow of Robert Ireland, has decided to make Saratoga her home, the better to carry out the instructions of her husband, whose body rests in a vault in Greenridge cemetery annex, near Sara-

her husband, whose body rests in a vault in Greenridge cemetery annex, near Saratoga.

Mr. Ireland, who died at Saratoga four months ago, was passionately fond of music. Long ago he requested that, whichever of the two departed first, the survivor should honor the memory of the deceased by having a music box or some similar instrument placed in the sepulchre and played at frequent intervals.

Sexton Moslin agreed to allow Mrs. Ireland to place a small oak table at the head of the casket, on which were a handsome music box and a vase of flowers. Widow Ireland, who carries the key of the music box, visits the cemetery daily, rain or shine, and pays musical reverence to the memory of the deceased. While the favorite airs of sacred melody are being rendered she calmly sits on the casket close to the vase and lovingly communes with the spirit of the deceased.

More than 200 bodies are stored in the big vault, and as the silence is so dense that a heartbeat almost creates an echo the impressive but weird notes of the music, floating over the caskets and emerging through the iron-grated doors, fairly border on the supernatural.

# TWO-HEADED CALF.

A Frenk Which Was Born at the St. Louis Stock Yards.

A freak was born in a stall at the National stock yards, East St. Louis, on Sunday. It was a calf with two heads. It is considered the greatest curiosity ever seen at sidered the greatest curiosity ever seen at the stock yards.

Its right side is natural. A deformity is manifest on the left side.

Projecting from the left side of the natural neck is another neck midway between the natural head and shoulders. It is a short but perfectly formed neck, to which is attached another head, which to outward appearances is perfect in every way.

It takes food through both mouths.

## We Have Read About Them

From Facts.

The poverty-stricken maiden who, gowned in simple white muslin and a blue sash, outshines her better-dressed sisters and is the belie of the ball.

The girl whose wind-blown tresses fall in a golden shower about her ababaster neck when she takes a canter on her spirited

The proud beauty who scorns the attention of the humble young artist, and learns too late that he is a man of fame.

The untutored maiden with the voice of a nightingale who brings the whole audience to her feet on her first appearance.

The heiress who wanders about disguised as a poor girl, and falls in love with the fisherman's son. fisherman's son.

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